

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. Claims 12-16 have been added.

The drawings are objected to for various formalities. Replacement drawings have been provided to overcome these objections.

Claim 1 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 7 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) on Takamiya (US 2003/0025934). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended.

Representative claim 1 is directed to a printing apparatus having multiple logical printer ports that receive print jobs. A print job is processed based on printing setting attributes assigned to the port that received the print job.

Takamiya does not teach or suggest a printing device having multiple logical *printer* ports as claimed. Rather, the printing device of Takamiya merely has virtual input ports for receiving *e-mail* (see para. 38, lines 4-8) and files downloaded to a *URL* (see para. 77, lines 6-8).

As explained in paragraph 35 of the specification, a printer port is recognized by an information processing terminal as a printing apparatus and can be selected by a user through printer driver properties, for example. By having multiple logical printer ports, the claimed printing apparatus is recognized as if it were multiple printing apparatuses – each associated with different

printing settings. In this manner, a user can select desired printing settings merely by choosing one of many printer ports, rather than clicking through multiple settings screens of one printer port. Consequently, the claimed printer ports are different than the input ports of Takamiya, which are merely configured to receive e-mail and downloaded files.

Accordingly, because Takamiya does not teach the elements required by the claims, the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **325772033100**.

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APPENDIX